

Whereas, Judge Raymond Ross Mormino is a citizen worthy of honor by all Texans, and it is appropriate that the Senate of the State of Texas pay tribute to him; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the State of Texas does by this Resolution recognize the unusual fortitude and commendable spirit of Raymond Ross Mormino; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for Judge Mormino as an expression of the high esteem and good wishes of the Senate and all the people of Texas.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### **Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions**

S. R. No. 34—By Senator Hall and Word: Extending welcome to Mrs. Fred L. Chambers and son, Mark.

S. R. No. 35—By Senator Hall: Extending welcome to Jay Fichtner and son, Mark.

S. R. No. 38—By Senator Watson: Extending congratulations to Milton Lee Blount, Jr. for his act of bravery.

#### **Adjournment**

On motion of Senator Aikin the Senate at 11:20 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

### **FIFTH DAY**

(Thursday, June 13, 1968)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock a.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin	Hazlewood
Bates	Herring
Bernal	Hightower
Berry	Jordan
Blanchard	Mauzy
Brooks	Moore
Cole	Patman
Connally	Reagan
Creighton	Schwartz
Grover	Strong
Hall	Watson
Hardeman	Wilson
Harrington	Word
Harris	

#### **Absent—Excused**

Christie	Ratliff
Kennard	Wade

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend W. H. Townsend, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal was approved.

#### **Leaves of Absence**

Senator Ratliff was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Hardeman.

Senator Kennard was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Mauzy.

Senator Wade was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Watson.

Senator Christie was granted leave of absence for today on account of the birth of his daughter, on motion of Senator Hardeman.

#### **Presentation of Guest**

Senator Aikin by unanimous consent presented as a guest of the Senate today Mr. Ed Howard, Democratic nominee for the House, of Texarkana.

#### **Resolution Signed**

The President signed in the presence of the Senate after the caption had been read, the following enrolled resolution:

H. C. R. No. 5, Memorial resolution for the Honorable Robert F. Kennedy.

(President Pro Tempore in the chair.)

#### **Message From the House**

Hall of the House of Representatives  
Austin, Texas,  
June 13, 1968.

Hon. Preston Smith, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the following:

S. C. R. No. 6, Memorial resolution for Hon. Albert R. Cauthorn.

S. C. R. No 4, In memory of Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr

S. C. R. No. 5, Commending the heroism of South Houston Patrolman Frank Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,  
DOROTHY HALLMAN,  
Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

#### Senate Resolution 50

Senator Aikin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Miss Emma Mae Brotze, Assistant Superintendent of the Marshall Public Schools, is retiring; and

Whereas, Miss Brotze has made an outstanding contribution to our entire public school system, as well as the schools in her home town of Marshall, having been Past President of the Texas State Teachers Association, the highest honor her profession can bestow in this State; and

Whereas, She is also a former member of the Board of Regents for State Senior Colleges of Texas, as well as many other positions of honor bestowed on her profession; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Miss Brotze and that a page of the Journal be set aside in her honor.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

#### Senate Concurrent Resolution 11

Senator Cole offered the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 11—Extending Congratulations to Joe Presswood on his Selection as "Outstanding Legionnaire of Post 52 for 1968."

Whereas, In naming Joe Presswood of Houston "Outstanding Legionnaire of Post 52 for 1968," fellow Legionnaires of the hard-working, irrepressible ex-Marine recognized his long service to veterans and their families; and

Whereas, There is a saying in Legion circles that "if you're looking for Joe Presswood, just go to any cemetery gate and wait long enough and Joe will show up"; and

Whereas, This may be a slight exaggeration, but since his retirement in 1949, Post 52 member Joe Presswood has devoted his life to conducting military ritual services in the Houston and South Texas areas: at

each grave he has left a little of his heart as he bade farewell to comrades-in-arms and sought to comfort members of their families and friends; and

Whereas, Joe was born October 20, 1897, in New Caney, Texas, the son of a farm family; he went to school in a one-room schoolhouse and worked on the family farm; and

Whereas, Even as a youngster, not yet out of his teens, he became active in helping country folks with their burial services; he said that in those days "the detail usually rode to the cemetery in a wagon"; doubtless it was in these early years that Joe Presswood learned how to share the grief of his friends with the proper kind words, the heartfelt sympathy, which have brought comfort to so many; and

Whereas, In 1916 he went to Houston and worked at various jobs in that growing city until late in 1917, when he volunteered for the Marine Corps; he was officially sworn into the Corps on January 8, 1918, at Parris Island and went overseas as a rifleman with the 83rd Marine Company, 6th Regiment, attached to the Army's Second Indianhead Division; and

Whereas, He saw action at Chateau-Thierry, Belleau Wood, and Saint-Mihiel, and in remembering those days he says, "I saw so much death and suffering on the battlefields that I think in the back of my mind I decided then to serve the Veteran every way I could when I returned home"; and

Whereas, Joe came home in November of 1919, and still in his Marine uniform, he marched in the first Armistice Day Parade in Houston, carrying a Marine Corps flag; he was discharged at Quantico, Virginia, on November 20, 1920, and returned to Houston, where he immediately joined the old Thomas Dismuke American Legion Post 52 and has been a member of Post 52 ever since; and

Whereas, In 1931 Joe Presswood went to work for the Houston Lighting and Power Company, where he was employed until 1946 when he retired; in the same year he became manager of the Club Rooms of American Legion Houston Post 52 at the old Post home, and that was when he really began serving the American veteran and signing up new members for the Legion; for three years in a row, Post 52 was one of the 20 largest posts in the nation; during this

period he organized his military ritual team; today, he and George Seifert, Post Adjutant, are the only surviving members of the original team; and

Whereas, When Post 52 sold its property in 1949 and moved to the present location, Joe retired as club manager; for the past 20 years he has devoted most of his time to serving veterans in the Houston and South Texas area and signing up new members and renewing memberships in the Legion; his ritual team performs an average of 350 services a year, almost one a day; and

Whereas, In 1959 Presswood received a trophy for having signed up 1,600 members in the Legion, the highest total of any Legionnaire in the United States; he was declared outstanding Legionnaire in Texas in 1964 and was given a handsome trophy at the Convention that year; and

Whereas, The Texas Legislature wishes to join the many friends and fellow Legionnaires of Joe Presswood in extending congratulations on the well-deserved recognition he has received from Post 52; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the 60th Legislature, the House of Representatives concurring, That this Resolution stand in commendation of Joe Presswood, whose life symbolizes his Marine Corps pledge, "Semper Fidelis"; and, be it further

Resolved, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for Joe Presswood, in token of our gratitude for his service and as an expression of appreciation from all the people of Texas.

The resolution was read.

By unanimous consent the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted.

#### Memorial Resolutions

S. R. No. 44—By Senator Watson: Memorial Resolution for Dr. Lloyd O. Russell.

S. R. No. 45—By Senator Watson: Memorial Resolution for Dr. W. W. Melton.

S. R. No. 46—By Senator Watson: Memorial Resolution for Nash Oliver.

S. R. No. 47—By Senator Watson: Memorial Resolution for Tarlton B. Taylor.

S. R. No. 48—By Senator Watson: Memorial Resolution for Mrs. Tina Levine.

S. R. No. 49—By Senator Aikin: Memorial Resolution for the Reverend J. W. Reeder.

#### Welcome and Congratulatory Resolutions

S. R. No. 39—By Senator Watson: Extending congratulations to Bishop O. L. Sherman as he begins his seventh year of service for the 10th Episcopal District.

S. R. No. 40—By Senator Harrington: Extending congratulations to Ralph Edward Viator on his many accomplishments.

S. R. No. 41—By Senator Brooks: Extending congratulations to Frank Boyle, Sr., on his selection as "Citizen of the Year" by the Bay Area Realtors.

S. R. No. 42—By Senator Harrington: Extending congratulations to Ira M. Powell as he retires from forty-five years of ministry.

S. R. No. 43—By Senator Brooks: Extending congratulations to staff of KHOU-TV for their accomplishments in the field of television.

S. R. No. 51—By Senator Watson: Extending welcome to Otis Gardner and George Vowel.

S. R. No. 52—By Senators Watson and Herring: Extending welcome to Miss Suzanne Robertson and Miss Pam Blacklock.

#### Adjournment

On motion of Senator Aikin the Senate at 11:56 o'clock a.m. adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a.m. on Monday, June 17, 1968.

# In Memory of Senator George Parkhouse

Senator Hardeman offered the following resolution:

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 10)

Whereas, With the passing of Honorable George Parkhouse the Senate and the State of Texas have lost a distinguished and dedicated official and patriotic citizen; and

Whereas, During his long and colorful career, overcoming physical handicaps, and never asking any quarter, and seldom granting quarters, Senator Parkhouse contributed greatly to the legislative activities of Texas. Among the constructive legislation sponsored or supported by the "Senator from Dallas" is included water and conservation legislation; the "Right-to-Work" law; insurance legislation; the Employees Retirement System; the Minimum Foundation Program; higher education and graduate schools; legislation for blind and mentally retarded children and mental health programs; and

Whereas, Senator Parkhouse was born in Cisco, Texas, on May 13, 1900, the son of George T. and Emma Todd Parkhouse, where his father ran a cotton gin until 1910, after which the family moved to Dallas. While a mere youth George Parkhouse sustained a severe injury resulting in the crippling of his body, but his spirit was left undaunted. He became manager of the football team and a cheerleader at the Bryan Street High School in Dallas despite his physical impairments; and

Whereas, The courage and indomitable spirit of Senator Parkhouse enabled him to carry on, and espouse those causes in which he believed, to a remarkable degree and in a manner which attracted the admiration of friend and foe alike. Ever ready to assume a position on controversial measures, he battled to the last to sustain that position with facts and figures available to him; and

Whereas, He began his public service as an Assistant Reading Clerk in the House of Representatives in the 42nd Legislature, followed by his election to the House of Representatives in 1932 to serve in the succeeding legislative term. Following the adjournment of the 43rd Legislature, he entered the advertising field full time and was associated with the Middleton Company of Dallas and became an executive of the Company, which position he held until his death on August 24, 1967. Mr. Parkhouse again entered politics and was elected to the House in 1942 from Dallas County and served therein until January, 1951, following his election to the Senate the preceding year. Senator Parkhouse continued to serve in the Senate as an influential member until his demise and was chairman or member of every major standing committee, most noteworthy of which was his Chairmanship of the Water and Conservation Committee for many years; and

Whereas, At the end of the Regular Session of the 60th Legislature it was with much sadness that his colleagues, his constituents and the public heard his announcement of retirement from the office in which he had served so long and so well, to enjoy the rest from public service he had so justly earned. With his passing he bequeathed to his fellow Texans the great heritage of "a life crowded with deeds and crowned with honors"; and

Whereas, It is the desire of the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring. To pay the respect of these Bodies to the public services of this outstanding Texan and to recognize the loyalty, integrity and patriotism of George Parkhouse as a friend, as a noble citizen, an honorable public official and to express their sympathy to the surviving members of his family; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring. That they do, and each of them does, hereby extend their and its sympathy to Mrs. George Parkhouse, loved and known by all as "Dora," and to Jerry and Jack Parkhouse, sons of George and Dora, in recognition of and as a tribute to the life and work of their husband and father and that copies of this Resolution, under the Seal of the Senate, be sent to the members of the family and that a page in the Journal of each House be set apart for this Resolution and that when each House adjourns today, it do so in memory of George Parkhouse.

Signed—Lieutenant Governor PRESTON SMITH

HARDEMAN  
AIKIN  
WILSON  
BATES  
MOORE  
REAGAN  
BERRY  
BLANCHARD

HIGHTOWER  
WORD  
WATSON  
CREIGHTON  
MAUZY  
HALL  
GROVER  
SCHWARTZ

HARRINGTON  
COLE  
JORDAN  
BROOKS  
BERNAL  
HERRING  
PATMAN  
RATLIFF

KENNARD  
STRONG  
HAZLEWOOD  
HARRIS  
CONNALLY  
CHRISTIE

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Hardeman and by unanimous consent the name of the Lieutenant Governor was added to the resolution as a signer thereof.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

# In Memory of

## Charles Edward Green

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Senator Herring offered the following resolution:

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 7)

Whereas, The State of Texas lost a distinguished citizen and the profession of journalism lost one of its most outstanding members in the death of Charles Edward Green on December 25, 1967; and

Whereas, Mr. Green was editor of The American-Statesman for thirty years and during that time he dedicated himself to voicing the conscience of Austin through his concise and penetrating editorial columns; he adhered strictly to fair and impartial treatment in all news coverages; and he set an example of professional and personal integrity which earned him the respect of his staff who frequently sought his advice and loved him as a friend as well as an employer; and

Whereas, As the leader of The American-Statesman newspapers for so many years, he was also the guiding force in the phenomenal development of Austin, the city he loved and worked for with such dedication and vigor; and

Whereas, Mr. Green was the founder of The Headliners Club of Austin which, through his superior direction and efforts, has become one of the best recognized clubs in the nation, and he was instrumental in establishing the Headliners Club Journalistic Awards given annually on a statewide basis for meritorious contribution to the field of journalism; and

Whereas, His philosophy of a newspaper's responsibility and function is best summed up by his own words shortly before his death:

"A good newspaper must influence public opinion but must not dictate it, and the best newspapers also must be influenced by citizens but not dictated to by an individual or a specific group which seeks solely to strengthen its own aims at an unfair expense to others.

"The public and the paper are inseparable, each depending on the other for news and new ideas. That news should not be distorted by either prejudice or power. Neither should it be withheld—if it is news—because of prejudice on the part of either the people or the paper.

"The activities of both majorities and minorities must be reported in a democratic society as those happenings occurred or as they are expected to occur.

"There are times when minorities expect too much from the majority, just as there are occasions when the majority gives too little to the few. It is these times when a newspaper must give everything to both the many and the few in an attempt to bridge the gap with its editorial influence.

"This does not mean a newspaper must print everything.

"Some groups want the whole paper for an insignificant event, but an editor must weigh seemingly unimportant items because they often are the forerunners of disasters and blessings which could have been prevented or helped if the public had known the truth."

Whereas, Mr. Green was a man of great compassion and understanding; he possessed a unique talent for listening to all sides and his capacity for sympathy endeared him to people of all walks of life who sought his counsel and friendship; and

Whereas, He is survived by his widow, Floy Robinson Green, and his daughter, Beverly Robinson Green, both of Austin; and one brother, Tom Green, of Mineral Wells; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Senate of Texas of the 60th Legislature, First Called Session, the House of Representatives concurring, That by this Resolution tribute is paid to Charles Edward Green and deep sympathy is extended to the members of his family; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare copies of this Resolution for presentation to the family of Charles Edward Green, and that when the two Houses of the Legislature adjourn this day, they do so in his memory, and that a page in the Senate Journal be set aside for the recording of this Resolution.

The resolution was read.

By unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory of  
**R. O. Zollinger**

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Senator Herring offered the following resolution:

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 8)

Whereas, In the passing of R. O. Zollinger on October 26, 1967, the profession of journalism lost one of its most talented members and the State of Texas lost an outstanding citizen; and

Whereas, He became associated with Newspapers, Inc., publisher of The American-Statesman in Austin, Waco News-Tribune and Waco Times-Herald, Port Arthur News and Lufkin News, in 1922 and worked his way up in the organization and became chief editorial writer for the entire chain in 1937; and

Whereas, "Mr. Zolly," as he was affectionately called by his associates, was one of the most scholarly newsmen of this century and possessed a tremendous grasp and knowledge of history and current events; his extensive newspaper career began more than fifty years ago when he became editor of a small weekly paper in North Dakota and subsequent assignments took him to such places as Sydney, Australia; while serving with the Second Infantry Division in France during World War I, he was a war correspondent for the old New York Sun; he also worked for the Denver Post, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Minneapolis Tribune and the old New York World, and his travels and experiences provided him with a wealth of information and background for the incisive editorials he wrote, and over the years his fine articles appeared frequently in columns of newspapers throughout the country; and

Whereas, Mr. Zollinger was a man of great dignity—a gentle and gracious person who spoke softly but with conviction, a sensitive man who felt deeply for his fellowman; his by-line will be sadly missed; and

Whereas, He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ina Zollinger; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Sandlin, both of Austin; four grandchildren, Buck Sandlin, who is with the Naval Air Force in California, Carol Sandlin, Dallas; Sally Sandlin and Peggy Sandlin, Austin; and a brother, F. R. Zollinger, California; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Senate of Texas of the 60th Legislature, First Called Session, the House of Representatives concurring, that by this Resolution tribute is paid to R. O. Zollinger and deep sympathy is extended to the members of his family; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare copies of this Resolution for presentation to his family, that when the Legislature adjourns this day, it do so in memory of R. O. Zollinger and that a page in the Senate Journal be set aside for the recording of this Resolution.

The resolution was read.

By unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.

In Memory of  
**Mrs. Frank C. Erwin, Jr.**

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Senator Herring offered the following resolution:

(Senate Concurrent Resolution 9)

Whereas, In the passing of Mrs. June Carr Erwin, beloved wife of Frank C. Erwin, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System and Democratic National Committeeman from Texas, on September 26, 1967, the City of Austin lost one of its most gracious ladies and outstanding civic leaders; and

Whereas, Mrs. Erwin was active in the community life of Austin, participating in many civic and cultural endeavors; she was a member of the Junior League, the Settlement Club, the Women's Symphony League, the Planned Parenthood Center, St. David's Hospital Auxiliary, the Texas Association for Mental Health, and served on the governing board of St. Stephen's School; and

Whereas, She also lent her considerable talents to such worthy causes as the March of Dimes and was the first Docent Chairman for Laguna Gloria Art Museum; she was a parishioner and charter member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd; and

Whereas, Mrs. Erwin was a devoted wife and mother who leaves in addition to her husband, three children, Mrs. John Dickson Rogers of Houston, William B. Houston, Jr., and Frank C. Erwin III, both of Austin; two granddaughters, June Carr Rogers and Margaret Rogers, both of Houston; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Carr of Dallas; and a brother, W. P. Carr of Dallas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the 60th Legislature, First Called Session, the House of Representatives concurring, That it does hereby extend deep sympathy to the family of Mrs. Frank C. Erwin, Jr.; that copies of this Resolution be prepared by the Secretary of the Senate for presentation to her family; that a page in the Senate Journal be set aside for the recording of this Resolution; and that when the Legislature adjourns this day, it do so in honor of Mrs. Frank C. Erwin, Jr.

The resolution was read.

By unanimous consent the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.